

25X1A

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

Approved For Release 2002/06/13 : CIA-RDP69B00041R001600030023-4

ORIG

UNIT: OSA/Security

EXT: 6433

DATE: 24 January 1968

TOP SECRET

TO :

FROM:

CONF:

INFO:

RYBAT

1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
a	OXC	
ROUTINE	DEFERRED	PRIORITY
		OPERATIONAL
		IMMEDIATE

TO TOP SECRET INFO 24 JAN 68 CITE [REDACTED]

25X1A IMMEDIATE [REDACTED]

25X1A

25X1A

[REDACTED] OXCART BLACK SHIELD

[REDACTED] OR THE [REDACTED] PLS PASS TO AMB PORTER. STATE CONCURS.

1. HIGHEST POLITICAL AUTHORITY IN MAY 1967 DIRECTED THE

25X1A DEPLOYMENT TO KADENA AB, OKINAWA, OF THREE A-12 HIGH ALTITUDE RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT TO OBTAIN PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE OF CERTAIN PRIORITY TARGETS IN NORTH VIETNAM. IT IS NOT INTENDED THAT THEY MAY BE USED OVER MAINLAND CHINA. APPROVAL HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED TO ON SPECIAL MISSION OVER NORTH KOREA.

2. THE A-12 (OXCART PROGRAM) WAS INITIALLY CONCIEVED AS A FOLLOW-ON TO THE U-2 AND IS A PROTOTYPE OF THE A-11 (YF-12A) AND SR-71 WHICH HAVE BEEN PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED BY THE PRESIDENT. THE

25X1A A-12 REMAINS HIGHLY CLASSIFIED (TS). IT IS CAPABLE OF FLYING AT

[REDACTED] IT IS CONSIDERED

TO BE VIRTUALLY INVULNERABLE TO HOSTILE AIR DEFENSES.

3. THE CLASSIFIED CODE NAME FOR THIS OPERATION IS "BLACK SHIELD" AND ALL CABLES AND CORRESPONDENCE PERTAINING TO THIS OPERATION WILL BE SO SLUGGED AND WILL BE PASSED ONLY THROUGH COORDINATING OFFICES

TOP SECRET

Approved For Release 2002/06/13 : CIA-RDP69B00041R001600030023-4

ENTITATING OFFICER

REPRODUCTION BY OTHER THAN THE ISSUING OFFICE IS PROHIBITED.

Copy No. 8

ONIG:  
UNIT:  
EXT:  
DATE:

Approved For Release 2002/06/13 : CIA-RDP69B00041R001600030023-4

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE  
TOP SECRET

ROUTINE	
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	
PRIORITY DEFERRED	ROUTINE
	OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE

7326

TO:  
FROM:  
CONF:  
INFO:

PAGE TWO

TO INFO CITE  
AUTHORIZED PROJECT COMMUNICATIONS CHANNELS. OPERATIONAL CONTROL  
OF THE A-12 DETACHMENT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CIA WITH LOGISTIC  
AND HOUSEKEEPING SUPPORT PROVIDED BY THE AIR FORCE. PILOTS ARE  
CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF CIA. ALL OPERATIONAL OVERFLIGHT BY THE A-12  
WILL BE APPROVED, PLANNED, DIRECTED AND CONTROLLED FROM WASHINGTON,  
D. C. THE A-12 DETACHMENT HAS BEEN IN PLACE AND OPERATIONAL SINCE  
MAY 1967. ON OPERATIONAL OVERFLIGHTS THE BLACK SHIELD AIRCRAFT  
WILL CARRY NO MARKINGS OTHER THAN TAIL NUMBER.

4. POSSIBLE CONTINGENCIES:

A. PRESENCE OF OXCART AT KADENA  
IN THE EVENT OF A FORMAL (I.E., PRESS OR QUASI-OFFICIAL) INQUIRY AS TO THE IDENTITY OF THE VEHICLES AT OKINAWA OR THE NATURE OF THE MISSION, THE KADENA PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER WILL STATE THAT THEY ARE EXPERIMENTAL TEST BED VERSIONS OF THE YF-12A AND SR-71 FAMILY WHICH ARE AT OKINAWA TO UNDERGO FIELD TESTS. HE WILL FURTHER STATE, IF NECESSARY, THAT ANY ADDITIONAL INQUIRIES WILL HAVE TO BE COORDINATING OFFICERS

TOP SECRET

GROUP 1  
EXCLUDED FROM AUTOMATIC

RELEASING OFFICER

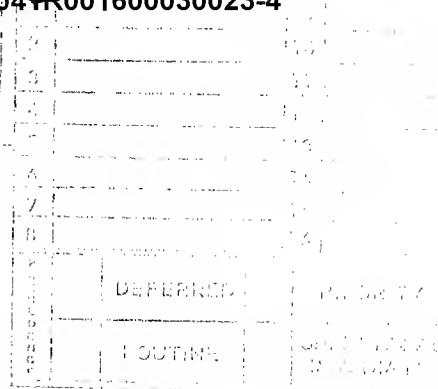
AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

Approved For Release 2002/06/13 : CIA-RDP69B00041R001600030023-4

REPRODUCTION BY OTHER THAN THE ISSUING OFFICE IS PROHIBITED.

Copy No.

TOP SECRET

REF ID:  
CIA-  
DOC-  
1973  
00000000FROM:  
KOMI:  
INFO:

PAGE THREE

TO

INFO

CITE

ANSWERED BY THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE OTHER THAN THAT STATED ABOVE NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE RELEASED AT OKINAWA REGARDING THE MISSION. THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE, IF QUERIED, WILL VERIFY THE INFORMATION RELEASED BY THE PIO, KADENI WITHOUT FURNISHING COMBAT CR DETAILS.

B. PROTEST WITHOUT INCIDENT

1. SHOULD A SUCCESSFUL OVERFLIGHT EVOKE A PROTEST OR PUBLIC DENUNCIATION BY THE OPPOSITION, THE AIRCRAFT BEING DESCRIBED AS AN SR-71/YF-12A OR MACH 3 TYPE, ALL PERSONNEL IN THE FIELD WILL DISCLAIM ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE OVERFLIGHT. SUCH DISCLAIMER WILL NOT BE VOLUNTEERED BUT WILL BE OFFERED ONLY IN RESPONSE TO DIRECT QUERY. AN EXCEPTION TO THIS PROCEDURE IS CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE IN THE CASE OF QUERIES DIRECTED TO U.S. AMBASSADORS. THEY WILL NEITHER DISCLAIM NOR ACKNOWLEDGE AWARENESS OF ANY OVERFLIGHT AND REFER SUCH QUERIES TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

CLASSIFIED BY: *[Signature]*

TOP SECRET

RELEASING OFFICER

AUTHORIZING OFFICER

REPRODUCTION BY OTHER THAN THE ISSUING OFFICE IS PROHIBITED. Copy No. *[Signature]*

TOP SECRET

B	ROUTINE	ROUTINE

PAGE FOUR

INFO

CITE

2. IF QUERIES ARE DIRECTED TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., THE INITIAL RESPONSE WILL BE "NO COMMENT." AFTER REVIEWING THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE SITUATION DESIGNATED WASHINGTON AUTHORITIES MAY DETERMINE THAT A FURTHER RESPONSE IS REQUIRED. THIS WOULD CONSIST OF AN APPROPRIATELY WORDED STATEMENT ACKNOWLEDGING THE USE OF AN UNARMED RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT FOR ESSENTIAL SURVEILLANCE. OFFICIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING MILITARY ACTIVITY, DETAILS CONCERNING THE OPERATION, SPONSORSHIP AND BASING OF THE AIRCRAFT WILL NOT BE DIVULGED. THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES WILL DESIGNATE THE APPROPRIATE SPOKESMAN.

## C. LOSS OF AIRCRAFT IN COMMUNIST BLOC COUNTRY

1. IF A BLACK SHIELD AIRCRAFT IS LOST IN COMMUNIST BLOC TERRITORY, WHETHER FROM HOSTILE ACTION OR OTHER CAUSE, NO STATEMENT WILL BE VOLUNTEERED UNTIL THERE HAS BEEN A FULL EVALUATION BY A DESIGNATED COMMITTEE OF WASHINGTON AUTHORITIES.

COORDINATING OFFICERS

TOP SECRET

RELEASING OFFICER

RELEASING OFFICER  
RELEASING OFFICER  
RELEASING OFFICER

AUTHENTICATION NUMBER

REPRODUCTION BY OTHER THAN THE ISSUING OFFICE IS PROHIBITED. Copy No.

TOP SECRET

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56
57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64
65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72
73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88
89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96
97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104
105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112
113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120
121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128
129	130	131	132	133	134	135	136
137	138	139	140	141	142	143	144
145	146	147	148	149	150	151	152
153	154	155	156	157	158	159	160
161	162	163	164	165	166	167	168
169	170	171	172	173	174	175	176
177	178	179	180	181	182	183	184
185	186	187	188	189	190	191	192
193	194	195	196	197	198	199	200
201	202	203	204	205	206	207	208
209	210	211	212	213	214	215	216
217	218	219	220	221	222	223	224
225	226	227	228	229	230	231	232
233	234	235	236	237	238	239	240
241	242	243	244	245	246	247	248
249	250	251	252	253	254	255	256
257	258	259	260	261	262	263	264
265	266	267	268	269	270	271	272
273	274	275	276	277	278	279	280
281	282	283	284	285	286	287	288
289	290	291	292	293	294	295	296
297	298	299	300	301	302	303	304
305	306	307	308	309	310	311	312
313	314	315	316	317	318	319	320
321	322	323	324	325	326	327	328
329	330	331	332	333	334	335	336
337	338	339	340	341	342	343	344
345	346	347	348	349	350	351	352
353	354	355	356	357	358	359	360
361	362	363	364	365	366	367	368
369	370	371	372	373	374	375	376
377	378	379	380	381	382	383	384
385	386	387	388	389	390	391	392
393	394	395	396	397	398	399	400
401	402	403	404	405	406	407	408
409	410	411	412	413	414	415	416
417	418	419	420	421	422	423	424
425	426	427	428	429	430	431	432
433	434	435	436	437	438	439	440
441	442	443	444	445	446	447	448
449	450	451	452	453	454	455	456
457	458	459	460	461	462	463	464
465	466	467	468	469	470	471	472
473	474	475	476	477	478	479	480
481	482	483	484	485	486	487	488
489	490	491	492	493	494	495	496
497	498	499	500	501	502	503	504
505	506	507	508	509	510	511	512
513	514	515	516	517	518	519	520
521	522	523	524	525	526	527	528
529	530	531	532	533	534	535	536
537	538	539	540	541	542	543	544
545	546	547	548	549	550	551	552
553	554	555	556	557	558	559	560
561	562	563	564	565	566	567	568
569	570	571	572	573	574	575	576
577	578	579	580	581	582	583	584
585	586	587	588	589	590	591	592
593	594	595	596	597	598	599	600
601	602	603	604	605	606	607	608
609	610	611	612	613	614	615	616
617	618	619	620	621	622	623	624
625	626	627	628	629	630	631	632
633	634	635	636	637	638	639	640
641	642	643	644	645	646	647	648
649	650	651	652	653	654	655	656
657	658	659	660	661	662	663	664
665	666	667	668	669	670	671	672
673	674	675	676	677	678	679	680
681	682	683	684	685	686	687	688
689	690	691	692	693	694	695	696
697	698	699	700	701	702	703	704
705	706	707	708	709	7010	7011	7012
7013	7014	7015	7016	7017	7018	7019	7010
7021	7022	7023	7024	7025	7026	7027	7028
7029	7030	7031	7032	7033	7034	7035	7036
7037	7038	7039	7030	7031	7032	7033	7034
7036	7037	7038	7039	7030	7031	7032	7033
7034	7035	7036	7037	7038	7039	7030	7031
7032	7033	7034	7035	7036	7037	7038	7039
7030	7031	7032	7033	7034	7035	7036	7037
7038	7039	7030	7031	7032	7033	7034	7035
7036	7037	7038	7039	7030	7031	7032	7033
7034	7035	7036	7037	7038	7039	7030	7031
7032	7033	7034	7035	7036	7037	7038	7039
7030	7031	7032	7033	7034	7035	7036	7037
7038	7039	7030	7031	7032	7033	7034	7035
7036	7037	7038	7039	7030	7031	7032	7033
7034	7035	7036	7037	7038	7039	7030	7031
7032	7033	7034	7035	7036	7037	7038	7039
7030	7031	7032	7033	7034	7035	7036	7037
7038	7039	7030	7031	7032	7033	7034	7035
7036	7037	7038	7039	7030	7031	7032	7033
7034	7035	7036	7037	7038	7039	7030	7031
7032	7033	7034	7035	7036	7037	7038	7039
7030	7031	7032	7033	7034	7035	7036	7037
7038	7039	7030	7031	7032	7033	7034	7035
7036	7037	7038	7039	7030	7031	7032	7033
7034	7035	7036	7037	7038	7039	7030	7031
7032	7033	7034	7035	7036	7037	7038	7039
7030	7031	7032	7033	7034	7035	7036	7037
7038	7039	7030	7031	7032	7033	7034	7035
7036	7037	7038	7039	7030	7031	7032	7033
7034	7035	7036	7037	7038	7039	7030	7031
7032	7033	7034	7035	7036	7037	7038	7039
7030	7031	7032	7033	7034	7035	7036	7037
7038	7039	7030	7031	7032	7033	7034	7035
7036	7037	7038	7039	7030	7031	7032	7033
7034	7035	7036	7037	7038	7039	7030	7031
7032	7033	7034	7035	7036	7037	7038	7039
7030	7031	7032	7033	7034	7035	7036	7037
7038	7039	7030	7031	7032	7033	7034	7035
7036	7037	7038	7039	7030	7031	7032	7033
7034	7035	7036	7037	7038	7039	7030	7031
7032	7033	7034	7035	7036	7037	7038	7039
7030	7031	7032	7033	7034	7035	7036	7037
7038	7039	7030	7031	7032	7033	7034	7035
7036	7037	7038	7039	7030	7031	7032	7033
7034	7035	7036	7037	7038	7039	7030	7031
7032	7033	7034	7035	7036	7037	7038	7039
7030	7031	7032	7033	7034	7035	7036	7037
7038	7039	7030	7031	7032	7033	7034	7035
7036	7037	7038	7039	7030	7031	7032	7033
7034	7035	7036	7037	7038	7039	7030	7031
7032	7033	7034	7035	7036	7037	7038	7039
7030	7031	7032	7033	7034	7035	7036	7037
7038	7039	7030	7031	7032	7033	7034	7035
7036	7037	7038	7039	7030	7031	7032	7033
7034	7035	7036	7037	7038	7039	7030	7031
7032	7033	7034	7035	7036	7037	7038	7039
7030	7031	7032	7033	7034	7035	7036	7037
7038	7039	7030	7031	7032	7033	7034	7035
7036	7037	7038	7039	7030	7031	7032	7033
7034	7035	7036	7037	7038	7039	7030	7031
7032	7033	7034	7035	7036	7037	7038	7039
7030	7031	7032	7033	7034	7035	7036	7037
7038	7039	7030	7031	7032	7033	7034	7035
7036	7037	7038	7039	7030	7031	7032	7033
7034	7035	7036	7037	7038	7039	7030	7031
7032	7033	7034					

TOP SECRET

TO :  
FROM:  
CONP:  
INFO:

PAGE SIX

ROUTINE	PRIORITY

TO INFO CITE

AND NO FURTHER DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT THIS  
TIME."

4. DEPENDING ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE COMMITTEE WILL  
FURTHER CONSIDER:

A. THE NECESSITY OF ACKNOWLEDGING THE PILOT'S  
IDENTITY AND CIA AFFILIATION.

B. THE NECESSITY OF MAKING SOME STATEMENT AS  
TO THE PLACE OF MISSION ORIGIN.

C. THE NECESSITY OF MAKING SOME STATEMENT TO  
REFUTE POSSIBLE ALLEGATIONS THAT MISSION WAS INTENDED  
TO RECONNOITER COMMUNIST CHINA.

D. THE NECESSITY OF IDENTIFYING A PARTICULAR  
TYPE OF AIRCRAFT.

E. LANDING AT ALTERNATE AIR BASE  
IF, DURING THE COURSE OF AN OPERATIONAL MISSION, THE  
AIRCRAFT SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO LAND AT AN ALTERNATE AIR BASE,  
IN RESPONSE TO QUERY THE AIRCRAFT WILL BE DESCRIBED AS AN  
COORDINATING OFFICERS

TOP SECRET

RELEASING OFFICER

EX-1  
Each document contains  
approximately 1000 words  
or less.  
Document ID: 69B00041R001600030023-4

AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

REPRODUCTION BY OTHER THAN THE ISSUING OFFICE IS PROHIBITED. Copy No.

TOP SECRET

REF ID:	NAME:	CLASSIFICATION:
DATE:	TYPE:	ROUTINE
NAME:	DISSEM:	ROUTINE
CONT:	DISSEM:	ROUTINE
INFO:	DISSEM:	ROUTINE

7/1/69

PAGE SEVEN

TO

INFO

CITE

EXPERIMENTAL TEST BED VERSION OF THE YT-12A/SR-71 FAMILY ON  
A ROUTINE FIELD TEST FLIGHT. FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE  
AIRCRAFT AND THE FIELD TEST PROGRAM ARE CLASSIFIED. TYPE,

25X1C

[REDACTED] HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AN ALTERNATE LANDING  
BASE WHICH WOULD ONLY BE UTILIZED IN A DIRE EMERGENCY.

E. INSTRUCTIONS TO THE PILOT:

(1) IF THE PILOT IS FORCED DOWN IN COMMUNIST BLOC  
TERRITORY, HE WILL ADHERE TO THE PROVISIONS OF HEADQUARTERS  
DIRECTIVE 50-1055-24, DATED 27 OCTOBER 1966 WHICH STATES,  
IN ESSENCE, THAT HE WILL GIVE:

- (A) NAME
- (B) DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH
- (C) ADDRESS IN UNITED STATES
- (D) CIA AFFILIATION (CIVILIAN)

NOTE: ALL PROJECT PILOTS HAVE BEEN THOROUGHLY  
indoctrinated in the procedures prescribed in the  
referenced Headquarters Directive, including

COORDINATING OFFICERS

RELASING OFFICER

TOP SECRET

GROUP 1  
Excluded from automatic  
downgrading and  
declassification

AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

REPRODUCTION BY OTHER THAN THE ISSUING OFFICE IS PROHIBITED. Copy No.

TOP SECRET

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
JUN 19 1969	
ROUTINE	

INFO :

PAGE EIGHT

TO INFO CITE

RESISTANCE TO INTERROGATION TRAINING. THE FOREGOING INSTRUCTIONS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE PSYCHOLOGICAL PREPARATION THEY HAVE UNDERGONE THROUGHOUT THEIR ASSIGNMENT TO THE PROGRAM.

25X1A

AS WELL AS HIGH MILITARY OFFICIALS AT CINCPAC AND FIFTH AIR FORCE HAVE BEEN BRIEFED ON THE BLACK SHIELD OPERATION.

ILLEGIB

CINCPAC  
FIFTH AIR FORCE

D/O/OSA

OXC/O/OSA

ILLEGIB

FE

ILLEGIB

COORDINATING OFFICERS

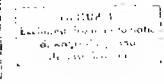
C/55/55...

TOP SECRET

PAUL N. BACALIS  
D/SA

RELEASING OFFICER

REPRODUCTION BY OTHER THAN THE ISSUING OFFICE IS PROHIBITED. Copy No.



AUTHORITY FOR RELEASE